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RAINBOW OF HOPE

Play focuses on learning to overcome difficulties

'For Colored Girls' relays universal message of strength to women

Missy Calvert
senior staff writer

Seven women sat on black boxes with colored symbols, each wearing a different accessory of color — headbands, necklaces, sashes. The women interacted with each other as they shared stories and struggles of African-Americans through monologues, songs and dance.

The cast portrays the hardships of black women in the 70s through Ebony Theatre Company's production of "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf."

Jennifer Lee, stage manager for the show and president of Ebony Theatre, said the play is about African-American women who learn to overcome their difficulties.

"They eventually come to the conclusion that they can find hope at the end of their own rainbow instead of giving up," she said.

Ebony Theatre was established at K-State in 1977 as an outlet for presenting works written by or dedicated to the struggles of African-Americans.

"Our mission is to spread awareness of plays by black playwrights because there is not a lot of theater like that around here," Lee said.

The group usually performs productions in February in honor of Black History Month. According to its website, the theater's mission is to expose K-State and the community to the literary and theatrical heritage of black Americans and "to confront controversial cultural issues by way of the stage."

"For Colored Girls" is performed in readers' theater style which means the performers sometimes hold books and read their parts instead of memorizing everything. Marci Maullar, managing director for the play and faculty adviser for Ebony Theatre, said she did not want the cast to memorize because of the style of the show and the short rehearsal period.

"It's an effective form of performance," she said.

Written in 1975 by Ntozake Shange, "For Colored Girls" is composed of 20 poems with topics ranging from discrimination to abortion to domestic violence. The play has been performed on and off-Broadway and was recently made into a movie.

Though inspired by stories of black women in the 70s, Lee said the script offers a universal message to all women.

"I'm hoping for the audience to see that there are all different kinds of people, and we all have hardships, but the togetherness is what brings us through," she said.

The Lady in Brown begins and ends the show, and the other women represent the colors of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple. The women perform monologues and interact with each other as they improvise, sing, chant and dance.

Nahshon Ruffin, junior in theatre, plays the Lady in Purple. She performs three different monologues in the play. One of her characters is a stripper named Sechita.

"She used to be elegant, and now

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Above: Erika Williams, student in theatre, jumps around before a practice run of "For Colored Girls" Wednesday night in Nichols Theatre.

Right: Da'Ja Bresette, freshman in journalism and mass communications, practices her lines with attitude.



Police Captain explains law enforcement procedures

Criminology club hosts guest speaker to inform community

Matthew Finley
staff writer

Few people outside the squad car know exactly what the police are doing "to protect and serve" as the traditional police motto goes. To counter this ignorance, the K-State Criminology club has been hosting a lecture series of criminal justice professionals to better inform the community about what tactics and practices the Riley County Police Department uses to serve Manhattan.

The series continued Thursday night, as Captain Tim Hegarty of the RCPD spoke to the community in the K-State Student Union. Hegarty's topic was the role of the RCPD in the justice system. He spoke about opportunities in the department, but also about how the department is working on crime.

Over the last two years, Hegarty said that the force has changed its tactics to focus on repeat offenders, hot spots, and officer problem solving. Before, the department's primary method of policing was to have officers patrolling sections of the city, while waiting for a crime dispatch. Since the beginning of 2010, the department has eliminated general patrolling in order to concentrate on areas where crime is most prevalent, which are called impact zones.

Another facet of the strategy is to target repeat offenders. Police officers are trained to be aware of community members who have committed multiple crimes in the past, and have testified to that while in jail.

"We're talking about people… who say that they are constantly looking for opportunities to do crimes," Hegarty said.

Using this strategy, Hegarty said that Part I crimes, which include simple assault, vandalism, drunkenness, drug abuse and rape, have declined from 339 crimes in 2009 to 276 in 2010, with an overall reduction of crime of 18.6 percent in Manhattan.

Despite the reduction of crime, Hegarty said the department is not writing more tickets, but is actually giving out three times as many citations as tickets. Hegarty attributes the decline to the increased focus on problem areas and also external forces.

"I don't think you can say it was all our doing, but it wasn't just chance."

Hegarty said the department hoped to keep the amount of Part I crimes to 17 per 1000 residents in the coming years, but he acknowledged that this will be difficult with Manhattan's growing population. Hegarty said in the near future police will be looking for those talking on cell phones while driving, as well as supervising the activities that accompany celebrations like Fake and real St. Patrick's Day.

The lecture also served as a way for criminal justice majors and others interested to learn about the justice system. According to Hegarty, the department is expanding and employs all types of officers, mentioning opportunities in public relations, crime scene investigation, detectives, as well as patrol officers. Opportunities are also available for citizens to volunteer with the RCPD, with Hegarty mentioning the Auxiliary Police program in particular. More information about the RCPD and other opportunities are available at its website, *riley-countypolice.org*.



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Captain **Tim Hegarty**, RCPD Patrol Division commander, talks to students about how to be prepared for careers in law enforcement. Hegarty said having experience in one's chosen area helps when applying for a job.

K-State Salina raising money for rat training

Tanzania teaching rodents to detect mines, other explosives

Karen Ingram
opinion editor

The K-State Salina Students in Free Enterprise group has found a new pet project: raise money for trained rats in Africa to detect land mines, bombs and even diseases, like tuberculosis.

The HeroRAT program was launched by APOPO, a non-profit organization in Tanzania. The program trains giant African pouched rats to sniff out mines and other explosives.

Jacqueline Wood, coordinator of the Academic Advising Center at K-State Salina and adviser for SIFE, said she first read about the program in a news article and felt the HeroRAT program had similar goals to SIFE's, to "empower people to make their own resources and care for themselves."

"I like animals and I like it when animals and humans work together," Wood said.

She told SIFE members about the program and Brett Cooper, junior in technology management at K-State Salina, volunteered to lead the fundraising project.

"I just thought it was something really neat to do," Cooper said.

The rats have several advantages over traditional methods of detection, such as dogs. Although the giant African pouched rat is considerably larger than the rats most Americans are familiar with — about six pounds, which is the size of a small house cat — they are light enough to avoid setting off explosives by stepping on or scratching them. Bomb-sniffing dogs can take years to train properly, whereas the training for a rat only takes about a year. Because of the faster training, and since rats are easier to transport and eat less than dogs, they are much cheaper.

One disadvantage to their size is they can not cover as much ground in a day as a dog. According to their official website, apopo.org, 1,300,012 acres of land were cleared in 2009.

Rats have also been trained by APOPO to detect tuberculosis in lab samples. In 2009, the rats found 561 cases of TB that were initially missed by technicians, which prevented about 8,000 potential transmissions. According to the United States Agency for International Development, at *usaid.gov*, Tanzania and Mozambique are both high-burden tuberculosis countries. There were 120,191 new TB cases diagnosed in Tanzania in 2007.

"Once I learned about the program, I was really impressed by it," said Antonio Hearn, senior in computer systems technology at K-State Salina, and member of SIFE.

K-State Salina's SIFE group held a fundraiser for the HeroRAT program at PETCO in Salina. PETCO provided opportunities for customers to get acquainted with domesticated pet rats while learning about the HeroRAT program. SIFE raised $166 at the event and plan to hold another fundraiser at PETCO at a later date.

Hearn said he enjoyed watching people, especially children, play with the rats. He said parents often "thought they were gross," while the children were excited to interact with them.

"Kids seem to be a little more open-minded, having them as pets," Hearn said.

Wood said the initial goal of SIFE was to raise $500, which would provide enough funding to clear 250 square meters of minefield. Several SIFE members, including Cooper, would like to raise $7,350 to train a mine field rat. Persons interested in donating to the HeroRAT program may contact Jacqueline Wood at *jqwood@sal.ksu.edu*.

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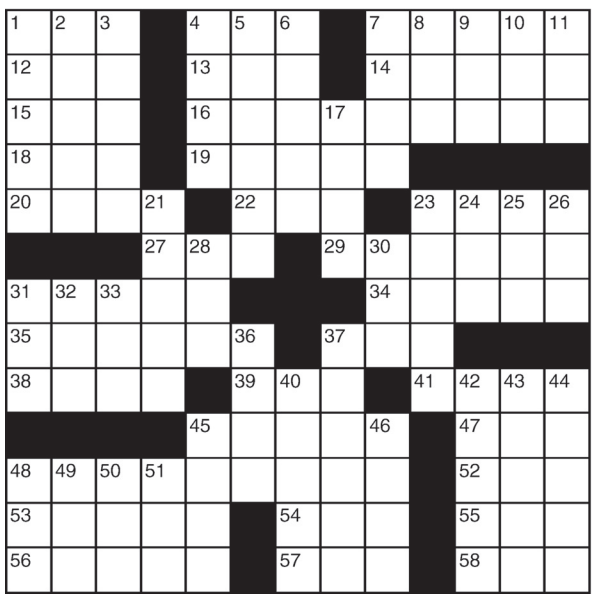
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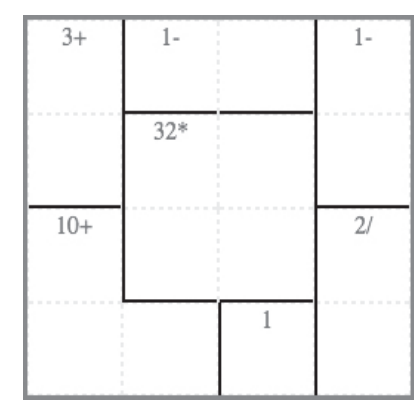
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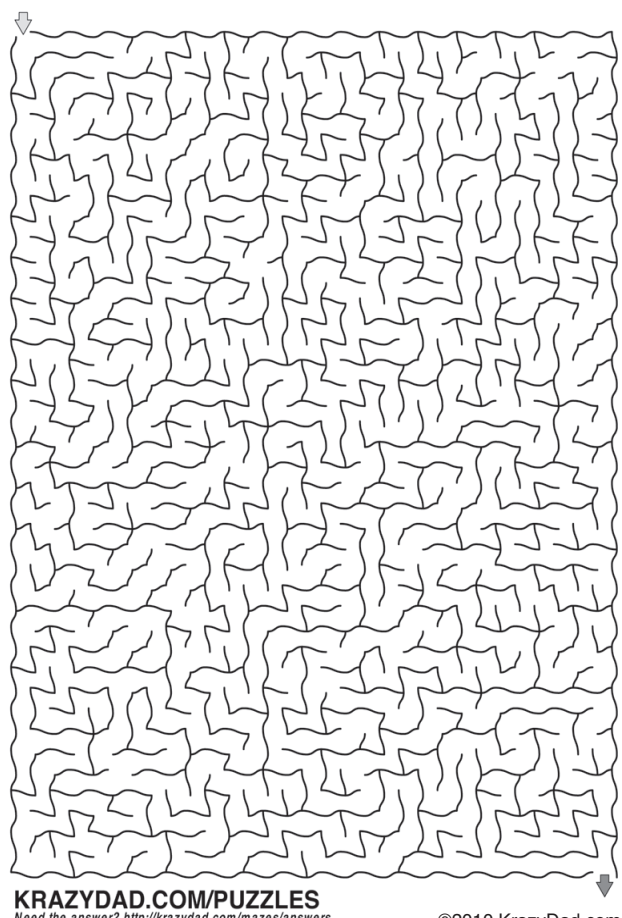
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Rodeo to feature nine events, fundraise for K-State club



A cowboy looks through the open garage gate toward the corral inside Weber Arena.

Lisle Alderton | Collegian

Austin Enns
coverage editor

The K-State Rodeo is scheduled to take place this weekend in Weber Arena.

Julia Kausman, junior in elementary education and president of the K-State Rodeo Club, said the rodeo is one of ten regional events the club puts on as part of the National Collegiate Rodeo Association.

"Our main event at the club is planning the rodeo," said Kausman. "It's our largest money maker; we get sponsorships from all types of businesses that get advertising in our programs and banners in our arena."

The events are scheduled to begin tonight at 7:30 and continue on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. Also, at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Miss Rodeo K-State will be crowned.

Tickets are $10 at the door for adults and $5 for children, or interested parties can buy a weekend pass for $30. Those looking for a discount can buy tickets in advance at Tractor Supply Company, Orscheln Farm & Home, R B Outpost and Varney's Book Store at $8 for adults and $4 for children.

Kausman said there will be nine different events including Bull Riding, Steer Roping, Bareback Riding, and Saddle Bronc Riding. The club expects about 2,000 people per performance.



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Dustin Unruh stays on top of his bull as it jumped up into the air right out of the gate during his turn at last year's K-State Rodeo.



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Riders warm up the horses before competition begins outside of Weber arena last year.

Rodeo participants, fan outfits differ



Ariel Burress



Larissa Ost

In the 1800's, neighboring ranch cowboys would compete against each other to see who could ride the wildest horses or rope the best. Little did they know that rodeo would morph into a multi-million dollar professional sport. Manhattan will welcome a rodeo of its own today through Sunday.

Crazy enough, there is actually a dress code for rodeo athletes. According to ehow.com, this consists of "full-length pants — typically jeans — a long sleeved button-down shirt, cowboy boots and a cowboy hat."

As for other apparel, rodeo athletes wear similar outfits.

"I do steer wrestling and I wear a long sleeve shirt and jeans that are Cinch brand, which was pretty popular and a lot of other people wore it. They aren't too expensive," said rodeo athlete Lucas Camac.

Generally the most important, and the most varied, part of the outfit is the cowboy boot. Surprising, we know.

According to *ehow.com*, "Rough stock riders often use boots with a ridge on the heel where the spur can rest. Tie down ropers, who dismount their horse during the competition, often wear lace-up boots for the added support to the ankle."

Another important aspect is the protective vest. These are not required but are commonly worn among bull riders. Made from the same materials used to make bulletproof vests for policemen, this garment has helped to lessen damage when cowboys are kicked or stepped on by the bull. Since the implementation of these vests there has been a significant reduction in the number of injured athletes.

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While the rodeo athletes are concerned with safety while dressing, showgirls are worried about impressing the judges, and that means they have to look the part. Outfits can reach ridiculous prices.

"Tops can range from a hundred dollars to five or six thousand dollars, especially if they are custom made. You can also buy them from consignment stores which is significantly cheaper, but still expensive," said Lexi Demel, K-State alumna.

While K-State is a school based on agriculture, there are a lot of students that have never been to a rodeo. Many students might wonder what they should wear. Obviously apparel is different for the participants and the audience, but the key is to keep "rugged" in mind.

Basically, all you will need is a pair of jeans and a pair of boots (cowboy preferably). You can wear them with a button up flannel, but we think that just a plain white or black tee is the best combination. If you have some beautiful boots, show them off and tuck your jeans into them. Although it's not necessary to wear a cowboy hat, it couldn't hurt.

Whatever you do, wear something that won't be ruined by dirt. Rodeos are exciting events and can last a long time, so make sure your outfit is comfortable before leaving the house. Yeehaw.

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Courtney Hall, senior in feed science and management, laughs while mounted on her horse after being crowned the 2010 Miss Rodeo K-State.

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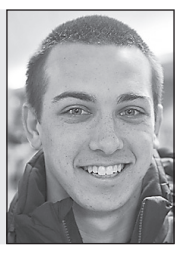
"'Sparticus' from the Starz network, because there is a lot of blood and sex."

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SENIOR, THEATRE



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Tyler Kilcourse
JUNIOR, BIOLOGY



"'Forrest Gump,' just because it is an amazing movie and everyone can enjoy it."

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"'Scott Pilgrim vs. the World,'" because it's the perfect hybrid of comic book and real life."

Jordan Bluhm
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"'The House Bunny,' because it's just a really funny movie and it gets us all laughing."

Larissa Schilling
SOPHOMORE, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



"Any of the Madea plays. It's just hilarious; you can always crack up and laugh."

Katrina Fair
SHEAR DYNAMICS EMPLOYEE



"'Pineapple Express,' because it's funny,"

Matthew James
SENIOR, INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING



"My friends and I like to get on Netflix and look up random movies we've never heard of."

Courtney Ress
JUNIOR, ENGLISH

Check out the Edge page for a review of Adam Sandler's latest movie.

COLLEGE CARE

Health care repeal costly for young Americans



Kathleen Sebelius

To win the future, America will need to invest in future generations and make the kind of commitments and reforms that allow our nation to out-innovate, out-educate and out-build the rest of the world. Effectively implementing the Affordable Care Act is a vital part of this effort.

But some in Congress want to re-fight the political battles of the past two years and repeal the law along with all the new consumer protections and benefits that go with it. That would be a major setback for young Americans.

We know that one of the most vulnerable groups of Americans in our old health insurance system was young adults. Too many college graduates weren't just worrying about finding a job. They also wondered how they were going to get health insurance. I saw this firsthand with my two sons. When they graduated college, they were both fortunate to get jobs. But neither of their employers offered insurance.

They were healthy and had the resources to buy coverage. But not all Americans are that lucky. Young adults have less access to employer-based health insurance than any other group. And they often can't afford to buy it on their own — especially if they've just graduated high school or college with limited savings, and, in some cases, thousands of dollars in debt. Others are denied coverage because they have a preexisting condition like diabetes or asthma.

As a result, Americans in their 20s are almost twice as likely to go without health insurance as older adults.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, that's changing. The law gives young people peace of mind by allowing children to stay on their parents' plans up to age 26 if they don't have access to coverage of their own. And starting in 2014, young Americans will have access to quality, affordable health insurance through new, competitive health insurance marketplaces that will be forbidden from discriminating against you based on your pre-existing condition.

So if you're self-employed or work for a small business or nonprofit that doesn't provide health coverage, the health care law will give you the freedom to find the best path forward without worrying about health coverage.

The law is also making health care more affordable. For those purchasing insurance in one of the new marketplaces, it's estimated that the new law could save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars. For example, the average individual making $27,000 will save more than $1,600 on their premium beginning in 2014. A family of four making $55,000 would save an average of $6,000.

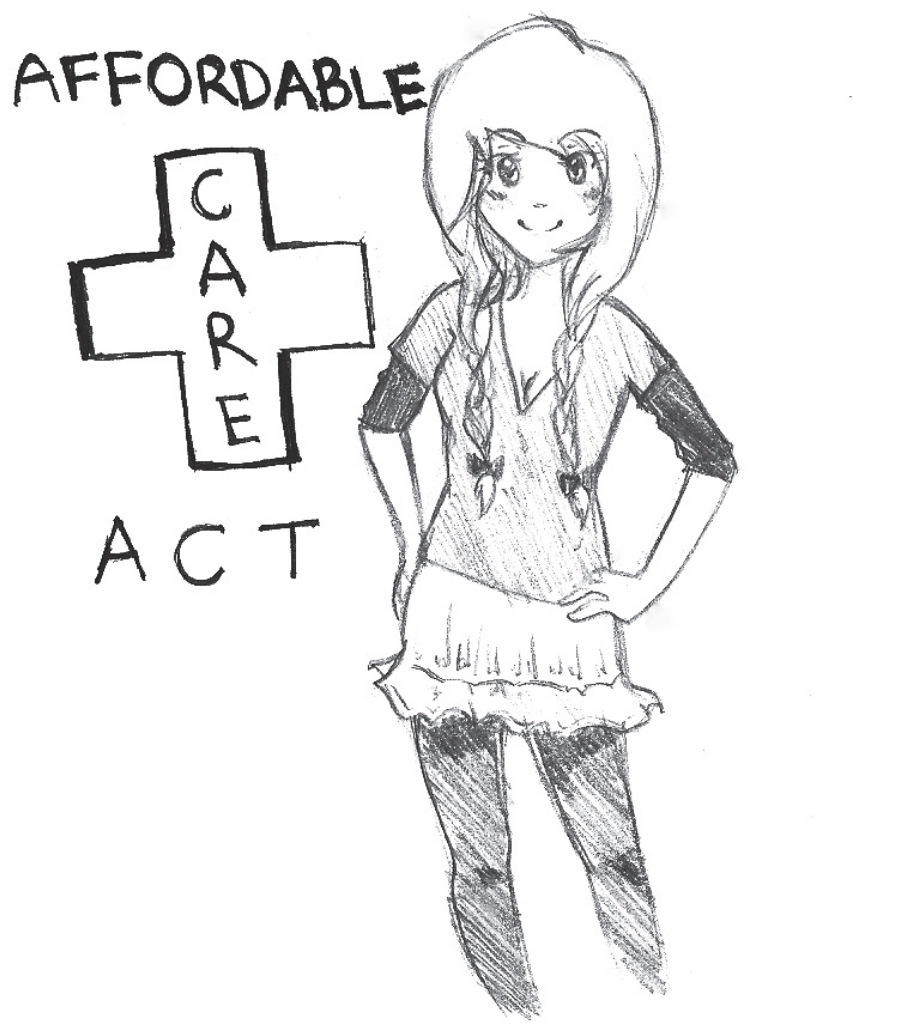


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Young people across the country are also benefiting from the law's Patient's Bill of Rights, which outlaws many of the worst abuses of the insurance industry. A year ago, insurers could cancel your coverage when you got sick just because you made a mistake on your application. Now, this practice has been banned, along with other harmful policies like lifetime dollar limits on benefits, which often meant your benefits disappeared when you needed them most.

And young people are getting better access to care thanks to the law's workforce investment, which is helping train and support 16,000 new primary care providers by 2015 and nearly doubling the number of patients served by community health centers by addressing pressing construction and renovation needs. This investment will help countless young people get the preventive care that can keep them healthy and out of the hospital. In the process, hundreds of thousands of new jobs across the health care field are being created.

Perhaps most importantly, the health care law is slowing the growth of health care costs over time so that our system will be strong and sustainable for decades to come. By testing and implementing new ideas to coordinate care, improve patient safety and reduce waste, fraud and abuse, the law will continue to create additional savings for consumers and our economy. Analysts predict that by 2019, these efforts could save an additional $2,000 for a family policy for employer-based coverage.

But repeal would allow skyrocketing premiums to continue rising. In fact, the independent Congressional Budget Office's latest analysis shows that repeal would increase the deficit by $230 billion over the next decade and by more than a trillion dollars in the second decade, handing a huge economic burden to the next generation and threatening our long-term prosperity.

The new law gives Americans, and especially young Americans, more freedom in their health care choices. Taking these benefits and protections away now and abandoning the rest of the law's long-awaited reforms would have huge costs for the young people we are counting on to help our nation compete and win the future.

Kathleen Sebelius is the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. Please send comments to *opinion@spub.ksu.edu*

US should spend more on foreign aid to better world



David Rose

If I asked you how much of the federal budget goes to foreign aid, what would you guess? According to a Nov. 29 WorldPublicOpinion.org poll, most Americans think the number is somewhere around 25 percent. Does that sound about right to you? If so, you're wrong. In fact, the federal government spends only 1 percent of its budget giving aid to foreign countries, which comes to only about 0.19 percent of the gross domestic product in 2008, according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's most recent data.

The same poll asked what Americans think the federal government should be spending on foreign aid, revealing that most thought the number should be about 10 percent. I don't know which is more disturbing, the fact that so many Americans think we're giving so much more than we are, or that they think we should be giving so much less.

When compared to other countries, America looks particularly stingy. Scandinavian countries like Sweden, Norway and Denmark far out-give the United States, spending between 0.8 and 1 percent of their GDP on foreign aid, according to the OECD data. While the rest of Europe spends considerably less than the Scandinavians — for example, the United Kingdom gives 0.48 percent of its GDP, while France and Germany give 0.38 percent — they still outdo America. In fact, the 2008 data shows not a single developed country giving less of its GDP than the U.S.

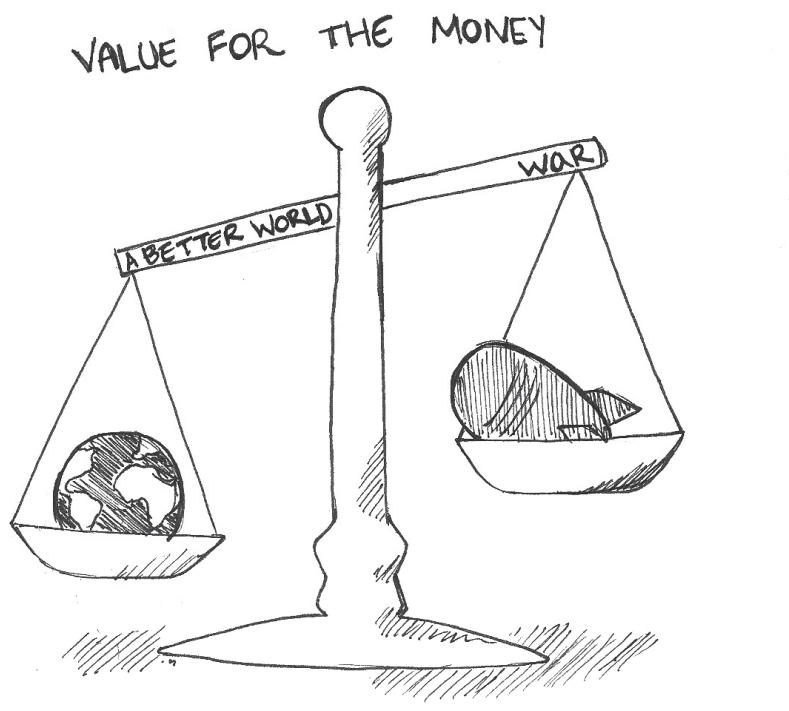


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The huge gap between what America gives compared to the rest of the developed world means that we should be giving more. It is our duty not only as a developed country but as the world's superpower to do all we can to help out the rest of the world. This will be difficult, however, considering how much Americans think the government gives now.

One place to start improving our foreign aid dilemma would be to tie less of the aid to certain conditions — such as buying American products with the money — as the federal government often does. Furthermore, America should be giving much less of its aid to undemocratic and repressive regimes. The Center for Global Development's Commitment to Development Index 2010 ranked many of the developed countries in terms of aid and placed America very low compared to other countries. According to the Index, "the United States would score higher if it did not tie some 23 percent of its aid and gave less to corrupt or undemocratic governments in Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan and elsewhere."

The only redeeming factors in our situation are the sheer scale of the American economy and the generosity of private individuals and organizations. Being the largest economy in the world, even our paltry 0.19 percent of GDP means we spend much more in pure dollars than any other country on foreign aid. Add to that the private donations and America's stinginess begins to look a little less harsh.

Still, these do not excuse the very small amount our government contributes to foreign aid.

Many will argue that, especially during these hard economic times, that the United States is ill-prepared to start giving more money to other countries. "Where are we going to get this money for aid?" a hard-nosed conservative might ask. The answer is simple: take it from the military. We spend more than any other country on our ability to make war, yet spend less than our competitors on making the world a better place. Why not reverse that trend?

So the next time you hear a politician or anyone else calling for the government to spend less on other countries, laugh out loud in the knowledge that we only spend a fraction of what we make helping others. We should be spending more, not less.

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LAST ROUND

Wildcats look for 800th win in Lincoln

Paul Harris
sports writer

"It's like losing a family in your neighborhood," said head Coach Deb Patterson of playing Nebraska for one final time.

K-State is on the doorstep of joining elite company after defeating Colorado by 27 points. The Wildcats are just one win shy of becoming the 13th program to win 800 games. In an attempt to win their 800th game, the Wildcats will make the nearly three-hour trip north on Saturday to take on an opponent that is simply treading water in the Big 12 Conference. Although their record says otherwise, Nebraska will likely be more than fired up to keep K-State at 799 wins.

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> **Brittany Chambers**
> Sophomore, guard

There is little love lost between the K-State and Nebraska fan bases. Nebraska is considered one of the toughest environments in the Big 12. While the K-State/Kansas rivalry takes most of the spotlight, the Nebraska/K-State rivalry is still an intense battle. Even though the Huskers are suffering through a 12-13 season, the Bob Devaney Sports Center is still a tough place to play for visiting opponents. The Huskers are 10-3 at home this year. All three losses have come in conference action. Freshman forward Jordan Hooper leads Nebraska in scoring with 14 points per game.

Sophomore guard Lindsey Moore, who scored 18 points in a double-digit loss, is averaging 10 points per game. The Huskers will again be without senior guard Dominique Kelley. Kelley injured her knee in December.

Senior forward Catheryn Redmon is third on the team in scoring at over nine points per game. The Grand Prarie, Tex., native leads the team in rebounding, pulling down nearly eight rebounds per game.

Junior forward Jalana Childs has been an interior force for K-State. The Orlando native put up 21 against Iowa State and poured in 18 points against Colorado. The increased scoring production from Childs has not been due to physical tweaks. Instead, the added point production has developed from a newfound confidence. Patterson said that without Childs, K-State would be 12th in the league right now.

Childs' teammates have aided her efforts all year long. Sophomore guard Brittany Chambers has emerged as one of the best 3-point shooters in the conference. Chambers leads the team in scoring with 15 points per game. While most people want to get to 800 wins, Chambers is focused on a smaller number.

"Most importantly it would be our eighth Big 12 win," Chambers said.

In the team's first match, K-State defeated the Huskers 64-37. The 37 points were the fewest points scored by a Husker team against K-State in over 30 years. Chambers was on fire in the team's last meeting. She scored 26 points and was only one of two Wildcats to score in double figures. Junior forward Alina Vorenenko was the other.

Chambers said that it will be important for K-State to jump out and score first on the struggling Huskers. Nebraska has lost five games in a row in conference play. Chambers said the Wildcats will continue to rely on their defense, which ranks second in the conference.

Childs said she has been looking to get the program's 800th win for nearly two weeks. She and the rest of her teammates will have their opportunity in a historical going-away party to a longtime neighbor.



Anthony Drath | Collegian
Sophomore guard **Taelor Karr** shoots a 3-pointer against Texas on Feb. 9 in Bramlage Coliseum.



Nathaniel LaRue | Collegian
Ana Gomez Aleman, sophomore in chemical engineering, hits the ball during the match against Drake University on Jan. 23 at the Body First Tennis and Fitness Center.

K-State rises in rank after 6-0 start, faces No. 37 Tulsa Sunday

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

The women's tennis team rose in the rankings after last weekend's matches. The Wildcats are up one spot to No. 51 in the Campbell/Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings, making this their second ranked week this season.

Eight Big 12 teams are currently ranked, with Oklahoma leading the conference at No. 3.

The Wildcats look to continue their winning streak. At 6-0, the Wildcats are having their best start since 1989 — the year the team started 9-0.

In Denton, Tex., last weekend, K-State defeated Louisiana-Lafayette and No. 62 North Texas. During their match against the Ragin' Cajuns, the Wildcats lost the doubles point. This prompted some changes in the doubles teams.

The changes worked, as the Wildcats took the doubles point the following day against North Texas. Head coach Steve Bietau said the team will work in practice on improving its doubles performance, but there will not be an immediate turnaround.

Petra Niedermayerova, freshman, had an outstanding singles match at the top of the lineup against North Texas. She defeated her opponent in a 6-0, 6-0 match.

Niedermayerova has one nine of her last ten matches and has defeated two ranked opponents in singles matches.

The top half of the lineup has been the strength of the Wildcats. Niedermayerova, sophomore Karla Bonacic and senior Antea Huljev have a combined record of 17-1 for the season.

K-State faces the University of Arizona at Little Rock on Saturday in their first home meet after a long road stretch. On Sunday, the team will play another ranked opponent when No. 37 Tulsa visits K-State.

The Wildcats have not lost to UALR in any of the three matches between the teams over the years. UALR is 2-4 on the season.

Tulsa, 2-2, has defeated the Wildcats in their past four meetings. In all, there have been 15 matchups between the schools, with the series tied at seven wins each. K-State last defeated Tulsa in 2006 with a 4-3 decision.

Both matches will be played at the Body First Tennis and Fitness Center. The matches are open to the public and admission is free.

Following the weekend's matches, the Wildcats have a week off before their next match against Houston.

K-State closes out indoor track season, younger athletes get opportunity to compete

Justin Nutter
sports editor

It has been a long time coming, but the Wildcat track and field team has finally returned to the Little Apple.

K-State will close out its regular indoor season when it plays host at the KSU Open today at Ahearn Field House. It is the fifth home meet of the season for the Wildcats and the first since the Wildcat Invitational on Jan. 11.

Head coach Cliff Rovelto said the team is glad for the opportunity to compete in front of its own fans, but added that he does not expect a large tournament field for a number of reasons.

"I think it will be a small meet, relatively speaking," Rovelto said. "Most of our people that had the great marks a week ago are going to be off this week, with the conference meet coming up. But most of the hurdlers are going to run and some of the short sprinters are going to run. Most of the multi kids will do one or two events. All of the vaulters will jump and all the throwers will compete."

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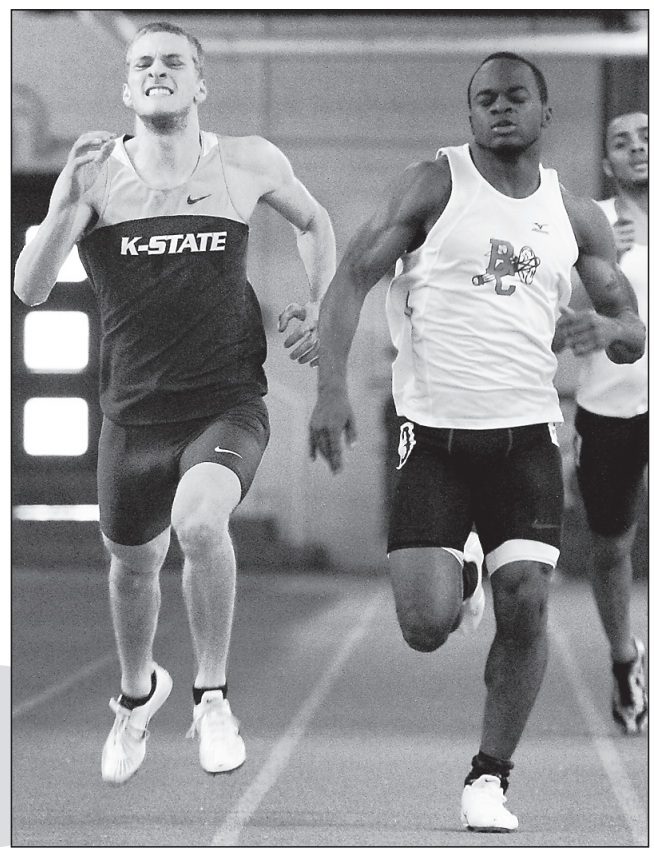
A list of participants had not been released at time of press, but the KSU Open historically features several community colleges and small universities from the Midwest region.

Several Wildcats have made noise in the national rankings over the last few weeks, but with the Big 12 indoor championships right around the corner, Rovelto said he plans to use the one-day competition as an opportunity for some younger athletes to gain collegiate experience.

"It gives them an opportunity to compete," the coach said. "It's a combination of things. Part of it is budgetary and part of it is their ability to meet standards to get into some of the meets, and you just can't take them. Their only chances to compete are in the three or four home meets that we have."

Field events will start at 2:30 p.m. with the men's and women's weight throw, and running events will start at 4 p.m. with the men's and women's one-mile run.

Fans interested in attending today's action can do so free of charge.



Anthony Drath | Collegian
Sophomore sprinter **Luke Hibbeler** races toward the finish line in the men's 400 meter dash on Jan. 22 in Ahearn Fieldhouse.

IS THAT NEW?

Wardrobing gains popularity, stores crack down on fraud



Ariel Burress



Larissa Ost

According to Webster's Dictionary, "wardrobing" is the practice of buying clothing, wearing it once and returning it for a refund. For consumers, this is wearing a new outfit out on the town and getting all your money back. For retailers, this is the quickest way to lose money.

While wardrobing might appear to be the best of both worlds for shoppers, especially in tough economic times, it will end up hurting shoppers more in the long run. Most of the time when retailers do take back the item, they are left with a used piece of clothing that will have to be marked down exponentially or even thrown out.

"When I worked in retail, a lot of people tried to return things that they obviously had worn because they were stained or other markings. Our policy was strict: tags have to be attached with the original receipt and returned within 21 days and only given store credit," said Leah Parsons, junior in apparel marketing.

How could this hurt the consumers? Retailers can only afford to lose so much money due to wardrobing before changing its ways.

According to *allbusiness.com*, there are several ways to crack down on this practice. These include, but are not limited to, posting a written return policy, shortening the return period, tightening up the return requirements, inspecting merchandise carefully upon return and stopping serial returners. Some retailers might even go as far as raising their prices to compensate for the lost money.

"Since I've been working in retail for awhile, I've come to hate (wardrobing) even more. It creates unnecessary returns, and the garment has in fact been used and we have to try and sell it like new, which doesn't usually work," said Christina Taylor, manager of a small boutique.

According to *allbusiness.com*, this practice is growing at a very rapid rate, as "nearly two-thirds had items wardrobed in 2007, up from 56 percent the year before, the first year the National Retail Federation started tracking the trend."

Wardrobing has gained so much popularity that we even found websites dedicated to explaining how to successfully wear and return clothing while searching for information.

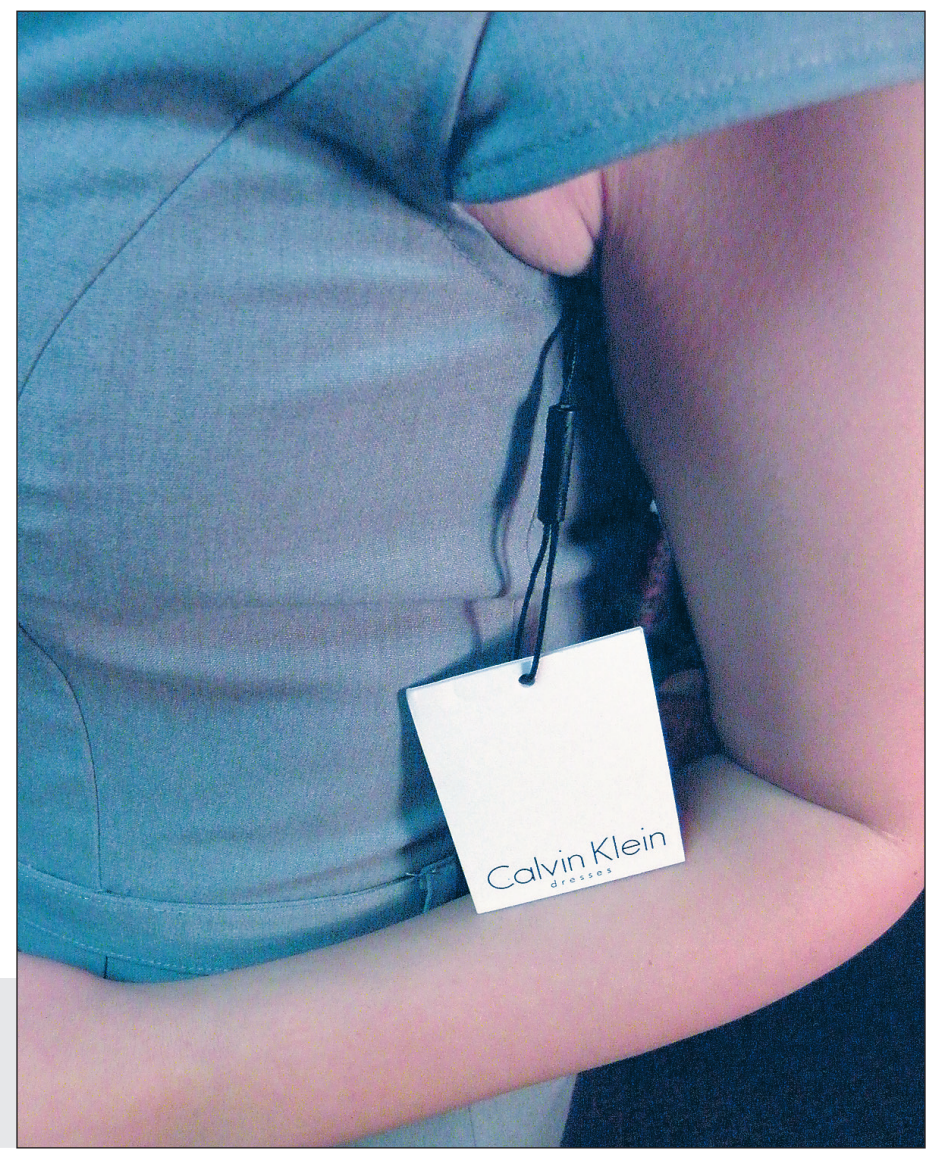
"I get why people do it. They wear it once, take some cute pictures in it, return it the next day with no harm to the bank account," Taylor said.

Sadly, it's just a percentage of dishonest customers who exploit store's return policies that ruin it for everyone.

"I can't imagine how many times it happens at larger department stores, fortunately we only see it every now and then here," Taylor said.

Unfortunately, we live in a society that is obsessed with material goods, and because our economy is shaky to say the least, money is tight for everyone, especially poor college students. But the bottom line is wardrobing is technically fraud.

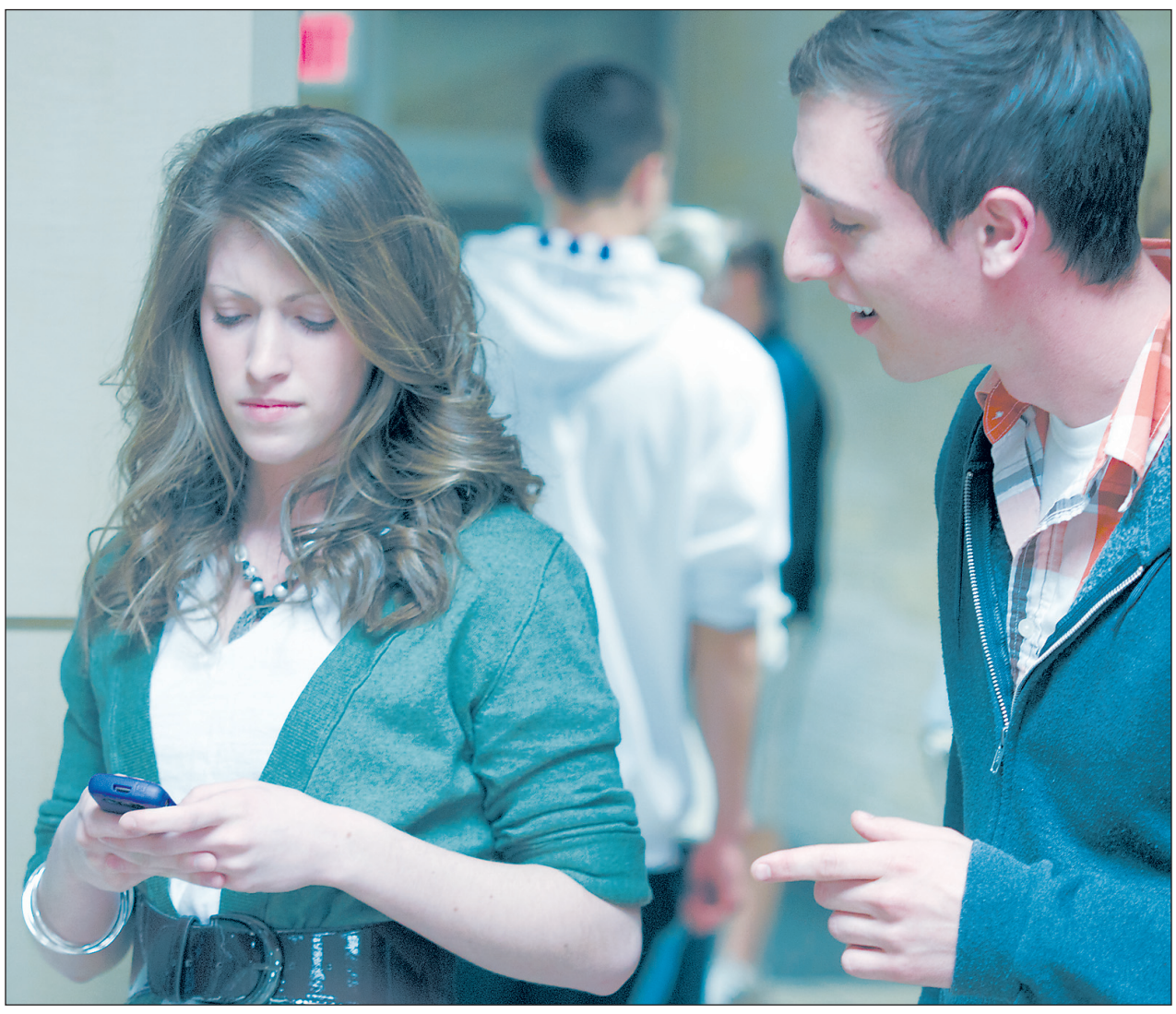
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This tag can easily be hidden and then the dress can be returned after being worn.

Rebecca Martineau | Collegian

Technology helps break down society walls



Jennifer Heeke | Collegian

Erin Boline, sophomore in nutrition and kinesiology, texts on her phone while **Logan Lindahl**, sophomore in entrepreneurship, tries to talk to her in the K-State Student Union on Thursday

Sandi Lam
staff writer

It is no secret that the way the world communicates is largely fueled by technology. Communication between people is affected in both a large-scale and small-scale way. In a media-driven society, it is understandable to question whether people are too involved in technology and less involved with the relationships life allows them to have. The role technology plays in society's communicative patterns is strong and can be either advantageous or destructive.

The introduction of technology has made a huge impact on the world. Craig Brown, professor of communication studies, said there have been benefits of technology in the form of the printing press.

"The printing press revolutionized the way that everything works," Brown said. "Before, information was transferred by oral tradition or letters were written and then we had to wait for horses to bring them over mountains."

He credits much of the ease of communication in society today to technology.

Another benefit that technological innovations have lent the world is the ability to contact people all over the world.

"When I was in school, Hale subscribed to four international papers. If it was not in Hale, it was hard to get," said Brown, a K-State alumnus. Now students have access to every major newspaper in the world."

Brown said he encourages his students to contact experts regarding questions they may have on a particular subject. Brown said he sees the value of the advancements, and whether the relationships formed over the Internet are "real" does not matter.

"Students are allowed interactions with people they may never get to meet," he said. "The relationships may not be the most meaningful, but relationships with friends that you see now are not necessarily meaningful either. The nature of the relationship is not significant."

Communicating throughout the world is an advantage for companies and business professionals, but gaining the ability to communicate across the globe on the relational level is the common interest of all parties. Beyond e-mailing and blogging, people are keeping in touch via social networking sites and other similar sites. It is not uncommon to hear that a website or a chat service is "addicting" and it can be concerning how involved people can become in cyber communication.

However, Brown said technology is not to blame for a lack of communication in relationships.

"Technology does not affect how well someone communicates," he said. "The advancements simply provide a new venue to express existing strengths and weaknesses in communication."

While the advantages with technological advances are opening doors that were closed to societies before, Becca Norman, senior in anthropology and vice president for the anthropology club, said there might be pressure on a culture to accept such advances.

"Technology is a great thing, but that is a Western standpoint," Norman said. "First World countries are processing the revolution but don't need it so they don't push it."

She said there is no reason for some countries and societies to join in the technological revolution. Farmers who can only afford to sell their product to local business have no need to access the world of potential clients, Norman said.

"The main concern is not about whether society is becoming too mediated or too involved in technology, but instead we do not fully understand the affects it has on us," said Michael Wesch, associate professor of anthropology.

He said people could be allowing technology to play a major role in their lives without intending for it to be.

"Learn to harness media so that it doesn't harness you," Wesch said.

This allowance by people with the media does not always come in straightforward fashions. Wesch said sometimes this overruling of media looks like "ignoring people right next to you so that you can check Facebook or Twitter."

Undoubtedly, new doors have opened with advancements in the technological department. How it is exploited for use is virtually uncontrolled. One can argue for the pros or the cons of technology on communication skills and patterns, but as Wesch said, "Technology is no more and no less than what we make of it."

Sandler hits another low point in comedy



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"Just Go With It"
★☆☆☆☆
Movie review by Patrick Bales

I have never felt so trapped in a movie theater before. As I watched Adam Sandler's new movie, "Just Go With It," for two excruciating hours, I tried my best to turn my theater seat into a relaxing bed that would speed up time and get me to the end credits, but no luck there. I was stuck. I had to sit and watch as Sandler milked his tired jokes, and played the same character he has played for the last 16 years.

Perhaps I just wasn't the target audience for the film. I'm not the kind of person who laughs when someone gets racked, and I don't like it when films take unimaginative cheap shots at gays, old people and people who are overweight. I'm also not a fan of movies that demean women, nor do I care for films where children are overly smart and spout out the "Haha, it's funny because I'm a kid," one-liners. But hey, that's just me. If you don't mind this kind of stuff in your comedies, by all means, ignore my review.

This time, Sandler plays a plastic surgeon (one of the movie's funniest jokes) named Danny. After he becomes heartbroken over a cheating bride-to-be, he decides to use his wedding ring as a way to pick up chicks. This works for a while, but after arriving at a party, he decides to go without it when he meets the beautiful Palmer (Brooklyn Decker). To him, Palmer is the real deal. She's gorgeous, sweet and as dumb as a bag of nails. Unfortunately, Danny's plan backfires when Palmer discovers his ring in his pants pocket. He's then forced to use her stupidity to his advantage by having his receptionist, Katherine (Jennifer Aniston), pose as his ex-wife. The charade soon gets out of control, and Danny finds himself pretending to have kids (the kids belong to Katherine). After one of the kids complains about never being able to go to Hawaii, Danny hops on a Hawaiian flight with Palmer, his brother (Nick Swardson), Katherine and her children. Once there, he starts to fall madly in love with Katherine after seeing her in a bathing suit.

The point of Sandler's character is that he's supposed to be an insensitive jerk that changes because of love. But the movie does a poor job convincing us he has changed for good. Throughout the Hawaiian trip, most of Danny's actions are done so he can hook up with Palmer. Some of his deeds do help others, but none of them are done for the benefit of others. It's all about him. It becomes a frustrating affair as we're supposed to root for this guy to change. But how are we supposed to root for a guy who doesn't care about anyone but himself?

Likewise, I had a hard time believing that Aniston's character, Katherine, would go to such great lengths to help a self-centered person like Danny. Not only does she do everything he asks, but she also begins to fall in love with him. Here's a single mother trying her best to raise her kids, and she's falling for a guy that only cares about himself? That's a scary thought. I could almost imagine the sequel as a depressing drama where Katherine realizes that she married the wrong man. At least that movie might stretch Sandler's acting range.

On top of all this confusion, the film is teamed with lame jokes that have all the creativity and maturity of a dumb kid's movie. There's a scene in the preview where a boy slams his head into Sandler's crotch. The boy screams, "That man put his pee-pee on my face!" Sandler retorts, "He put his face on my pee-pee." That's about the level of maturity you can expect from the rest of the movie. There is the occasional plastic surgery gag that will conjure a chuckle, but most of the jokes are stale. It's almost like they've been sitting out in the open air for 16 years.

If you're looking to go out for a romantic comedy night, go see a stage show, or go to a nice restaurant. Just don't drag yourself to this romantic comedy disaster. It'll be two hours you wish you had back.

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Head coach's wife involved in various community projects

Hayley Henry
junior staff writer

Editor's Note: With President's Day approaching, The Collegian is printing a five-part series profiling leadership in the K-State and Manhattan communities. Look for the final installment in Monday's Collegian.

As Anya Martin strikes her best Frank Martin pose with the deadly stare and alarming foot stomp, her kind demeanor begins to beam through her smile.

"That's when you know you just messed up and need to keep going to the end of the bench," she said about her faux fierce pose.

Anya Martin has become a leader of the K-State community since her husband accepted an assistant coaching position in 2006.

Before moving to the Midwest and Manhattan, Anya grew up on the East Coast in Queens, New York and attended college at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. After college, she worked as the assistant director of financial aid for athletics at Northeastern University. During this time, she met and worked with Frank Martin.

"He was easy to work with," Anya said. "He understood the process and what needed to be done for the athletes at the time, and he was easy on the eyes too."

Anya and Frank married and moved to Cincinnati so Frank could continue to pursue his coaching career. Anya remained active herself and was unafraid of change when Frank needed to relocate to Manhattan.

"The transition to Manhattan wasn't hard for me, because I went to Amherst which is a college town similar to here," Anya said. "I kind of knew what to expect once I grasped the fact we were moving to Manhattan, Kan. and not Manhattan, New York."

The Martins enjoyed their transition into the Manhattan and K-State communities.

"We love Manhattan," Anya said. "Everything is family orientated and everyone wants to lend us a helping hand to make us feel more at home."

After settling in Manhattan, Anya took on an extensive list of community improvement responsibilities. She is heavily involved in both the K-State and Manhattan communities through wide-ranging, and seemingly tireless, work. Anya is a committee member for the K-State Powercat Auction, which raises money for student athletes, the president of the Parent Teacher Organization at the K-State Center for Child Development, a board member for The Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan, a volunteer with the Mercy Regional Health Center's Red Dress Gala and a Sunday school teacher at St. Thomas More church.

Though Anya is highly involved in the Manhattan community, family remains priority number one. Since Frank Martin has become head coach, family life has been more organized and balanced.

"Decision-making has to be done without him, when you get a hold of him, you have to go down the list, but those are just things you do naturally," Anya said. "You always have to show balance within your personal life and your career."

Although both Anya and her husband are very busy, both enjoy their encounters with the K-State community. Anya can usually be spotted near the K-State bench during games, and she also enjoys opportunities to join Frank and interact with fans.

"Last year I walked the line for the KU game with him, and it was cold," Anya said about her most memorable fan experience. "I couldn't believe that the students would stand out there all night just for the team and my husband."

"We love Manhattan," Anya said. "There is no place we would rather be."

EBONY | Ruffin: 'stories relevant'



Anthony Drath | Collegian

Erika Williams (left), student in theatre, and **Laura Vallejo** (right), senior in theatre, make fun of another character dancing during a practice of "For Colored Girls" Wednesday night in Nichols Theatre.

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she just has to survive and the only way she survives is by performing," Ruffin said. "So I'm telling her story and what she's doing the night of her performance."

Ruffin said the stories are relevant to today because some of the cast members know people with similar experiences to their monologues.

"When I go up there I try to give these stories justice because these are real stories," she said. "There are real women who are going through this."

The play is written in poem form with many slang words and abbreviations, and without punctuation. Ruffin said the language held her back at first; however, she hopes the audience can understand the lifestyles of these women and appreciate the play.

"It's acting; it's art; it's a story," she said.

Lee said she hopes the audience will reflect on the stories and the messages of the play.

"There is a lot of stereotyping, especially in college-age groups, and I hope that people can see that you never know what someone's story is," she said. "You never know what's going on in somebody's life."

"For Colored Girls" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Nichols Theatre. The performance is free and advance tickets are not required.

Ebony Theatre is also producing another show, "Brokeology," this month. Maullar said Ebony Theatre's growth in membership led the organization to perform two plays in order to involve more people.

Maullar and Lee both said they worked hard to raise awareness about Ebony Theatre this year.

"A lot of people didn't know it existed," Lee said.

Lee said she wanted to promote the organization and make it more active this year. She helped spread the word by speaking at auditions, presenting in freshmen classes and "assaulting people's personal space." Ebony Theatre currently has about 40 members, Lee said.

"This year I really wanted to make sure that people knew that we were here and that we are here to stay," she said.

"Broke-ology," written by professional playwright and K-State alumnus Nathan Jackson, will be performed Feb. 24 - 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 26 at 2:30 p.m. in the Purple Masque Theatre. Tickets are available through the McCain Box Office.

This play about the struggles of black family was originally written and performed while Jackson was a student at K-State. It was recently produced at the Lincoln Center Theater in the fall of 2009.

All K-State students can join Ebony Theatre by auditioning for parts or working behind the scenes.

"A lot of people assume you have to be of color; that's not true," Lee said. "Everybody is welcome and everyone can get involved."

Some students 'adrift' in college performance

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

A third of students will show no improvement in critical thinking and writing skills, according to a new study by two sociology professors. Richard Arum, sociology professor at New York University, and Josipa Roksa, assistant sociology professor at the University of Virginia, wrote a book about the findings of their study.

Their new book, "Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses," also reveals that 45 percent of students did not show improvement within their first two years at college. The study, conducted across 24 universities, involved 2,300 students.

It also recored the number of hours each student studied and the number of essays they wrote for their classes.

In a Feb. 9 interview with National Public Radio, Arum said many college freshmen say they expected college to be harder than high school, but are finding it to be easier.

The study cites faculty performance evaluations as one of the possible reasons for the decline of student performance. Arum said most faculty evaluations come from students at the end of the semester and often are based on the student's expected grade.

Arum said the system provides incentives for giving light workloads and easy grades in return for good teacher evaluations.

The results of the study are cause for concern, Arum said. In today's global economic system, he said performance improvements must be demanded of students.

To determine student performance, the Collegiate Learning Assessment was used. The assessment is administered by the Council for Aid to Education.

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Following the release of "Academically Adrift," the council issued a news release commending the book's publication. The organization has formed a new advisory committee to study the results of the council's data and improve student performance.

"A combination of factors has created an unprecedented crisis in undergraduate education in the United States," according to the CAE release. "Forty percent of students entering college do not read, write or perform math at a college-ready level."

Other results of the study include a finding that students today study half as much as they did in previous decades. Furthermore, half of students in the study said they did not have 20 pages of writing in any class during the prior semester.

In their book, the professors argue that while the country has a "college for all" mentality, not everyone is prepared for college. Still, these students expect to earn bachelor's degrees in college.

What is the worth of a degree if a student has not improved any skills in college?

Some students believe the methods of teaching may be at fault. Elizabeth Johnston, freshman in agriculture, is one such student.

"Maybe it just needs to be taught better; it's just a matter of understanding it," Johnston said. "Everybody learns in different ways."

If material is not taught in different ways, it does not help many people, she said; the material should also be more challenging.

"Academically Adrift" does not bode well for the U.S. educational system. It questions higher education's purpose of enhancing thinking skills and improving reasoning capacities.

Ft. Riley soldier dies in Iraq

Sam Diederich
news editor

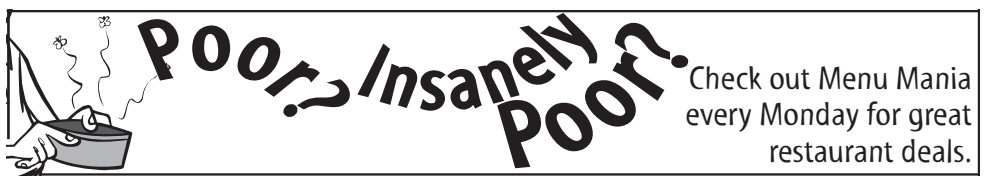
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Evans was deployed in March 2010 for his second tour of duty in Iraq.

According to the Department of Defense, as of Feb. 7, 4,408 members of the military have been killed in action while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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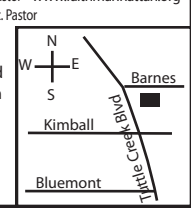
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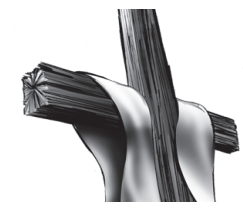
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Bramlage still Octagon of Doom despite season's setbacks

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When the Wildcats busted out onto the national scene and hosted a College Gameday attendance record against Kansas last year, ESPN analyst Doug Gottlieb along with other media gave Bramlage Coliseum a nickname: The "Octagon of Doom." This year, K-State boasts a home record of 13-1, the only loss coming from Colorado when the team lost 74-66. However, some fans may have already given up on the season, while others are still in full support of the team and want to make their presence known in the 12,000-plus capacity arena.

Currently, the Wildcats hold a home record of 256-90 since Bramlage Coliseum opened up in 1988. Students have recently stood behind the team, bringing signs to games or wearing T-shirts related to the Coliseum's nickname.

Noted for the shape of the coliseum, and fan support to make it one of the best in the conference, Bramlage has hosted many sellout crowds over the years. The highest attendance to ever be there for a game was in February of 1992 when the Wildcats hosted Kansas. 13,762 people saw the Wildcats lose a nail-biter to the Jayhawks, 54-52.

With Monday's recent crushing victory over top-ranked Kansas, has Bramlage Coliseum retrieved its nickname, or have people always looked at it as the "Octagon of Doom?"

Senior guard Jacob Pullen hopes the fans can stay true.

"I hope that they wouldn't lose faith in us," Pullen said. "We have had a tough road schedule this year, but I hope they would still come out to support us. I think the energy and capacity can be the same for the game against Oklahoma."

He also said he wants the fans to pack the gym for Senior Night, when K-State will take on the Iowa State Cyclones.

Junior forward Jamar Samuels agrees that the fans can still support the team to their full potential.

"I think they've been supporting us a lot this year already," Samuels said. "We aren't having the season we thought we were going to have but we still have a couple games left. Monday showed how strong of a team we are and that we can play with the best of them."

Every home game has been a sellout this season and the rest of the games should be no different. Border rival Missouri is still planning a trip to the Octagon, as well as Iowa State.

Sophomore forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts even gave his take on how Monday felt like a game where they played at their best under some intense pressure.

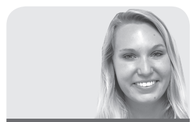
"It was a huge rivalry game," Roberts said. "Every play counts and if we make a mistake we can't look back on it and wonder what if."



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Senior forward **Curtis Kelly** celebrates with fans after the win against KU on Monday night.

Martin: the real deal



Ashley Dunkak

If you watch K-State men's basketball games, you know head coach Frank Martin can be intimidating. For the two-hour contests, everyone in the crowd watches (from a safe distance, presumably) the Wildcat sideline to get a look at the famous stare and the invariable furious flurry of f-words. This week, however, K-State fans got a glimpse at the other side of Martin, the one that has endeared him to so many who know him a little better.

Before the game began at Bramlage on Monday, the announcer read a message from Martin encouraging fans to help KU forward Thomas Robinson by contributing to the Lisa Robinson Scholarship Fund, which will provide for Thomas' younger sister Jayla's education.

For someone who is competitive to his core, that pre-game statement — and later ones he would make after the game — made it clear that Martin has a very firm grasp on the bigger picture of college sports: the lives of the young men playing the game.

While it's an instant reaction to support someone after such a tragedy as losing a mother, grandmother and grandfather in the span of a month or so, for Martin to publicly petition K-Staters to help out the KU player says something important about Martin's character.

After the Wildcats smeared the Jayhawks 84-68, the coach said the Robinson kids have a tough road ahead. Asked about his brief chat with Robinson after the game, Martin said he had a great amount of respect for him as a person and player.

"It's about life, man. It's about life," Martin said. "The hand that that kid and his sister has been dealt, I hope K-Staters step up to the plate. I know I did. I hope they step up to the plate and help that young man and his little sister.

"Life is hard enough when you've got support people. It's even harder when you're a teenager and nine years old and you really got no one else out there to help you make decisions and help you deal with the curves that life throws at you.

"I've got a lot of respect for him. I think he's a hell of a kid. I think he's a hell of a player. I know what Bill [Self]'s about, and anything I can do to help that young man that I'm legally allowed to do through the NCAA, I will."

I realize that any coach in the country will give a supportive statement when tragedy befalls a neighboring team, but it seems by having an announcement made before the biggest game of the season asking K-Staters to contribute to a non-K-State scholarship fund, Martin went beyond that convention.

Martin isn't a perfect person, but despite the wide-eyed, profanity-laced instructions he directs at players, he cares about those guys. Maybe I am naive, but I believe Martin when he says his goal is to prepare these guys for life and help set them up to succeed.

I've seen Martin in his less intense moments, like talking to media after practice or answering questions in post-game press conferences. He has a sense of humor, and he answers honestly almost any question that is thrown out. Martin, from what I've seen, is a genuine guy — and a pretty nice guy at that.

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Pullen's leadership helps teammates step up

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senior staff writer

In postgame interviews, Jacob Pullen usually answers questions with a straight face, not displaying much emotion one way or the other. The impression is that of a laid-back, matter-of-fact kind of guy. But after the Wildcats throttled the Jayhawks 84-68 in Bramlage on Monday night, the senior guard allowed himself to smile. Or maybe he just couldn't help it. At that moment, the team was in a good place, so Pullen was too.

It has been a turbulent season for the Wildcats, and as the face of the team this season, Pullen has been right in the thick of it. Head coach Frank Martin complained early this season of a lack of leadership, an area in which — as one of two seniors on the team — Pullen has responsibilities.

In a more official issue, the NCAA suspended him for three games at the end of the non-conference schedule for receiving impermissible benefits. Last but not least, he caught flak for saying he would not play in the NIT.

Add in the team's fall from No. 3 to unranked and the recent player departures, and the molehills of this season have combined to form a mountain, as far as distractions go.

On Monday night, however, the Wildcats beat the No. 1 team in the country despite all that, and Pullen contributed greatly to the victory. His 38 points included 5-of-6 shooting from 3-point range and a 15-of-19 performance at the charity stripe.

"He's been real, real good," said head coach Frank Martin. "He's playing like a big-time point guard right now. He's been doing it for a while. I'm happy he had that kind of night tonight."

While Pullen's scoring output marked a career high, when asked about it being his best game he seemed nonchalant, noting that points aren't what he necessarily uses to determine impact.

"I thought I had other games where I controlled the game without scoring and getting other people involved and defensively, but this game, the shots were falling for me, so I'll take it if you want to say that was the best game," he said with a bit of a shrug.

Pullen's points, though, did more than just bump up the number on the score, Martin said.

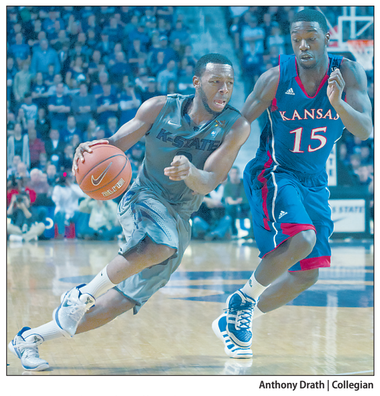
"Jacob, having the first half he did, just gave everyone else on that team a lot of confidence," Martin said. "We had all kinds of different guys step up and make plays on both ends of the floor to help us win."

Really, that is the essence of what a point guard should do, and exactly what Pullen did. To him, it seems, success is defined by the success of his teammates and the team in general.

"I felt good that other people were stepping up," Pullen said. "They weren't just staring and watching. We were having people create plays off the dribble and take good shots, so I felt good about my team going into this game."

Pressed to comment a bit more about his own game, Pullen said he tried to be patient — not overly aggressive but taking what the defense gave him — and offered more accolades to his teammates.

"My teammates did a great job of rebounding the ball, setting screens, they did a great job of just keeping Kansas honest so they couldn't overly help, so I give a lot of credit to my coaches and my teammates," Pullen said. "They drew up a lot of good sets to give me open looks."



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Senior guard **Jacob Pullen** drives to the basket against KU sophomore guard **Elijah Johnson** Monday night in Bramlage Coliseum.

Before that game, the senior looked into the faces of his teammates, and he sensed a different feeling than he had before the Wildcats traveled to Lawrence in January.

"People who are usually running in the locker room five minutes before the game was 10 minutes early; it was different," Pullen said. "Our whole team felt like this was a game that we needed to win and we came out and played like it."

Pullen wanted this year to be like his freshman year, when he, Michael Beasley, Bill Walker and the rest of that 2008 team beat the Jayhawks at Bramlage for the first time. The fact that Pullen's teammates banded together to make that desire a reality speaks volumes to his leadership ability and the chemistry of this team.

The senior is integral to the team's success, and the way he is playing right now, that is a very good sign for the Wildcats.

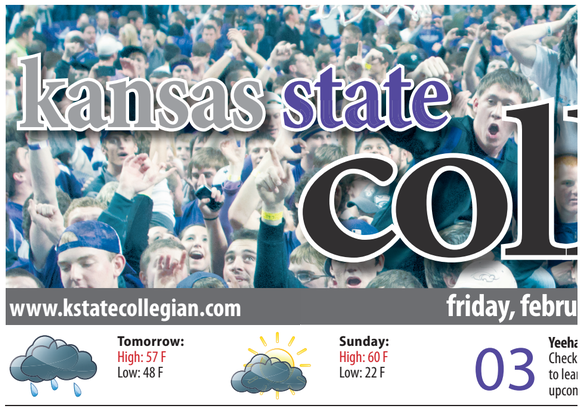


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Jamar Samuels, junior foward, jumps up for a field goal as a KU player tries to block during the game in Bramlage Coliseum on Monday.

K-State looks to go 6-6 in Big 12

Tyler Scott
Senior staff writer

K-State (17-9, 5-6), a team that is starting to become more cohesive, has won three of its last four games and will look to improve its conference resume and become a .500 level conference team tomorrow. The Wildcats will take on the struggling Oklahoma Sooners (12-12, 4-6) at 3 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum.

K-State VS. Oklahoma
When: Saturday, 3 p.m.
Where: Bramlage Coliseum
Online: ESPN3.com
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With the team's shocking win over No.1 Kansas Monday night, the Wildcats have started to play with more passion than what they have shown all year. Senior guard Jacob Pullen is the engine of the team, averaging almost 19 points per game after scoring 38 against Kansas. It was the fourth time K-State has ever knocked off a No. 1 team, and the third time ever against the Jayhawks.

Sophomore forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts chipped in 10 points against Kansas. It was the third time he has posted 10 or more points on non-conference ones early in the season. They did lose to Kentucky and a good Arizona Wildcats team, but games against Virginia, Chaminade and Arkansas will come back to haunt the Sooners later in the season.

Andrew Fitzgerald leads the team in points with 13.6 per game and rebounding with 5.2 per game. The Sooners also have a good guard in Cade Davis, who is averaging 12.3 points per game. Beyond these two players, there's nobody on Oklahoma who stands out.

"They're real young and scrappy," head coach Frank Martin said. "They had a dogfight with Nebraska and a chance to win. Cade Davis has earned his stripes to be on the frontline and that team takes on his ruggedness personality."

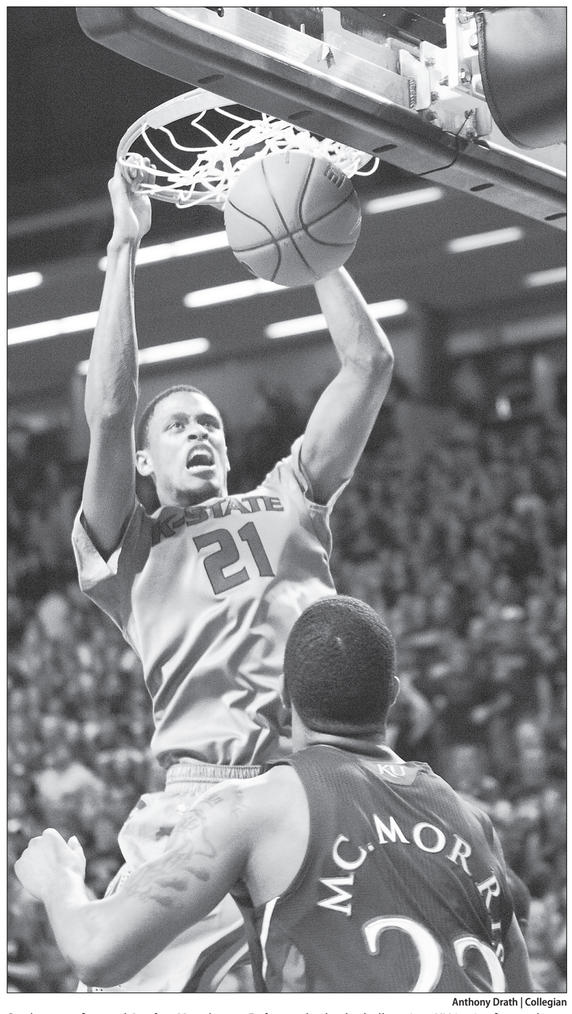
Since the departures of the Griffin brothers and Oklahoma native Willie Warren, the Sooners have not been able to replace the potential with solid winning seasons. A close loss to Nebraska on Wednesday though may make them more hungry for a win come tomorrow.

The Sooners are currently dead last in the conference in scoring per game with 67 points per game, but are third in free throw percentage. If the game is close, this category could be the big difference maker in the outcome.

Last season, the Wildcats knocked off then-No. 1 Texas in Bramlage, but lost the next game. After the Kansas game Monday, Pullen talked to the team in the locker room and junior forward Jamar Samuels reiterated what he told them.

"We came into practice last year terrible after the Texas game," Samuels said. "Today we had one of our best practices of the year. Everybody got after it and we were trying to scrap up and be the team we used to be."

TALL ORDER



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Sophomore forward **Jordan Henriquez-Roberts** dunks the ball against KU junior forward **Marcus Morris** Monday night in Bramlage Coliseum.

Coaches continue to push, player continues to improve

Ashley Dunkak
senior staff writer

The basketball hits the floor, and so does Jordan Henriquez-Roberts. In a fraction of a second, the sophomore goes from vertical to horizontal, seven feet up to seven feet across. Exemplary of the forward's effort, that play from the KU/K-State game is just one that shows the improvement of one of K-State's up-and-coming big men.

Against the Jayhawks, Henriquez-Roberts came off the bench and gave the Wildcats maybe the best 22 minutes of his college career so far. He earned position in the post, went strong to the basket and came away with 10 points and five rebounds.

Head coach Frank Martin said it was good to see the player catch the entry pass into the post, make that strong move and finish the shot. It is good for his confidence because he is a young kid, the coach said.

Because upperclassmen forwards Curtis Kelly and Jamar Samuels got into some foul trouble, Henriquez-Roberts' contributions were especially essential on Monday night.

"He played big," said senior guard Jacob Pullen. "He has understood what he needs to do, and when he plays like that, we're a hard team to beat. He defended, he rebounded and offensively he took what the defense gave him."

Always one to give credit to his teammates, Pullen continued listing Henriquez-Roberts' successes in the game.

"He knew they would be overly aggressive to trap me on ball screens and their pinch post — he took good shots, and when he plays with that type of energy and that type of emotion, understanding where he's going to get his shots before he gets them, it makes us hard to guard."

There is much more to Henriquez-Roberts than points, rebounds and blocks, though. It is his work ethic that has made an impression. While the coach describes his player as a kid, his choice of words seems to indicate someone who is steadily growing up.

"J.O.'s a great kid, man," Martin said. "You can scream at him, challenge him, stay after him, never quits on you, man. He keeps coming and keeps coming, and I was real proud that he stays the course and he's so willing to grow."

Of course, the soft-spoken, easy going seven-footer is not all that grown up, not all the time, at least.

"You guys saw him at Midnight Madness — he wants to shoot threes and do all that silly stuff," Martin said with a hint of a smile. "If that jump shot don't go in at the end of the first half, he might not have made it out for the second half. It would not have been fun for him in the locker. But it went in, so I shut up, sat down, patted him on the back. Great coaching, eh?"

(At the end of that sentence, it's more than a hint of a smile.)

The reason the coaches are so hard on Henriquez-Roberts is the impact his play has on the team. The deal for him, Martin said, is to be active and pay attention to detail.

"We've continued to challenge him because he continues to get those opportunities and he's missing them because he's trying to quick-shoot it," Martin said. "[You've got to] understand, J.O.'s never posted up in his life until he got here."

All constructive criticism aside, Martin is a big fan of Henriquez-Roberts. That was evident as the man known for his wild sideline demeanor and blatant honesty gave the sophomore forward maybe the greatest compliment a man — a father — can give.

"I want my kids to be like that," Martin said. "I want my kids to be challenged their whole life, not to have things made easy for them, and then I want them to respond like he responds every time, which is he keeps coming in and he accepts challenges to get better. That's what it's all about."

JORDAN HENRIQUEZ-ROBERTS



Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Port Chester, N.Y.

Height / weight: 7-0 / 245

Position: Forward

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Frank Martin
head coach

Breakdown of Big 12 women's teams

The conference season is well past halfway finished, and surprisingly, we here at the Collegian have yet to do a run-through of all of the other teams in the conference. Since the Big 12 Tournament is two-and-a-half weeks away, now is as good of a time as any to look at the teams and their accomplishments so far.

Baylor (24-1; 11-0)

Ranked No. 1 in the country
Quality Wins: Too many to list, but No. 6 Tennessee and No. 5 Texas A&M twice are nice.
Bad Losses: none

If you have been paying any attention to women's college basketball this season on a national level, then there is no doubt that you know about the Baylor Bears. Led by sophomore center Brittney Griner, this team has been a world-beater so far this season. Its only loss came to Connecticut by one point. Oh yeah, and Connecticut was on a streak for the most consecutive victories in the history of college basketball, and the game was an away one for the Bears. Despite all the success, the team has had some squeakers lately, barely beating Texas A&M in their first matchup and not really blowing out a lot of the other Big 12 teams. Still, they are undoubtedly the leaders of the conference, and it is going to take a mini-miracle to defeat them anytime soon.

GRADE: A++

Oklahoma St. (15-9; 3-8)

Quality Wins: none
Bad Losses: none

Oklahoma State was another team that entered Big 12 play with high expectations. Unfortunately for the Cowgirls, they have not been able to escape with many wins in conference play. The team came in with just one loss and a top-25 ranking, but the tough schedule including facing each of the Big 12 South teams twice has caused the Cowgirls to stumble. Not only that, but this team did not face a difficult non-conference schedule, so it might not have been as battle-tested as some of the other Big 12 schools. It is quite capable of beating nearly anyone from the North, but it looks like postseason aspirations will have to wait.

GRADE: C

Colorado (12-12; 3-8)

Quality Wins: No. 16 Iowa State
Bad Losses: @ Denver

Colorado has had an up and down type of season. The Buffaloes have played a difficult schedule so far, playing non-conference teams like Illinois, USC and Dayton, but they have not been successful in many of their high-profile games. Basically, they win the games they are supposed to win and they lose the ones that they should lose.

GRADE: C-

Texas Tech (18-7; 5-6)

Quality Wins: several decent non-conference wins
Bad Losses: @ Nebraska

The Red Raiders are currently out of the polls, but still have a great chance to make the NCAA Tournament. The Red Raiders do, however, face two ranked teams plus Texas in their last five games, so more blunders or poor performances can really hurt their chances.

GRADE: B+

Kansas (16-9; 3-8)

Quality Wins: @ Wisconsin, Alabama, No. 20 Iowa State
Bad Losses: none

After a solid non-conference record, confidence was high for KU entering Big 12 play, but how the mighty have fallen. This team has struggled to find consistency all season, and many times seems overmatched against certain foes. They are still a year or two away from being a top-level conference threat.

GRADE: C

Oklahoma (18-7; 8-3)

No. 15 in the country
Quality Wins: No. 25 Texas Tech, TCU, several others
Bad Losses: @ Arkansas, 41-point loss @ Connecticut

Oklahoma has been on the national scene in women's college basketball for a number of years now. This season is somewhat of a rebuilding year for the Sooners. The team has secured some solid victories, but they are not truly Big 12 or national title contenders.

GRADE: B

Texas A&M (21-3; 9-2)

No. 5 in the country
Quality Wins: No. 20 Iowa State, No. 12 Oklahoma, Rutgers, Arizona
Bad Losses: none

The Aggies started the season No. 8 in the country and the squad has lived up to those expectations. Their only losses have come at No. 5 Duke and against No. 1 Baylor twice. Those losses do not look too bad considering the level of talent involved. While Baylor seems to have locked up the regular season conference title, the Aggies stand a great chance in both the league tournament and the NCAAs later this season.

GRADE: A

Iowa State (17-8; 5-6)

No. 22 in the country
Quality Wins: No. 25 TCU, Virginia, Michigan
Bad Losses: @ Colorado, @ Kansas

Iowa State entered the season ranked No. 17 in the nation. While the Hawkeyes still find themselves in the rankings, it is evident that this season hasn't gone as well as they might have hoped. That's not to say that they have been a bad team, but the Hawkeyes have struggled to find the quality wins needed to bolster their resume. This team should have no problem making the NCAA tournament, but don't expect them to be moving on to the later rounds of the big dance.

GRADE: B-

Missouri (12-13; 4-7)

Quality Wins: No. 12 Georgetown, No. 24 Texas
Bad Losses: @ Eastern Illinois

Missouri has played one of the toughest schedules in the entire conference. The team has faced seven ranked teams throughout the season, only escaping with two wins greatly reducing their record and the public's perception of this team. However, it is apparent that Missouri is a tough squad, and they can scare the living daylights out of almost anyone in the conference. They could make a decent run in the Big 12 Tournament, but postseason options are not likely.

GRADE: C

Texas (17-8; 6-5)

Quality Wins: No. 25 Texas Tech
Bad Losses: none

The Longhorns entered the season ranked No. 20 in the country, but never secured a signature win during non-conference play. The team went on a four-game losing streak at the start of the league schedule. While this team has rebounded of late, the early season struggles seem to have derailed the high hopes that Longhorn fans had in starting the season.

GRADE: B-

Nebraska (12-13; 2-9)

Quality Wins: No. 25 Texas Tech, Miami, @ Washington State
Bad Losses: none

The Huskers, who have also played an extremely difficult schedule, have not been able to come away with wins in any of their tough games. All of their non-conference losses are excusable, but their play in the Big 12 so far has been very disappointing. After winning the Big 12 regular season title last season, this team has looked downright sad during conference play.

GRADE: D

K-State (17-7; 7-4)

Quality Wins: No. 16 St. John's, No. 25 Oklahoma State
Bad Losses: Middle Tennessee, Texas-San Antonio

Last season was statistically one of the worst in the history of women's college basketball at K-State. It wasn't disastrous, but expectations are always at K-State. Many experts predicted this would be another rebuilding year for the Wildcats, but thanks to hard work and tough-minded players, the team finds itself in the thick of the NCAA tournament discussion. Sitting alone in fourth place in the conference, the Wildcats have an opportunity to earn a first-round bye in the conference tournament, and they still have some upcoming games with a chance to get a signature win to improve their chances of getting a better seed for the postseason.

GRADE: A

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Numbers Analysis: How the Wildcats won and how they can do it again

Statistics from K-State's 84-68 win over KU on Monday

56.3
-Field goal percentage

Shots went in. It's as simple as that. Head coach Frank Martin has been saying for weeks that the Wildcats have been playing pretty well, but the shots just haven't been falling. I'd say Monday night was pretty decent timing for the shots to suddenly start falling.

3
-Rebounds between Markieff and Marcus Morris

Fast breaking is a facet of KU's game. The Morris brothers have been exemplary in facilitating it so far this season — until they came to Manhattan, that is. The Wildcat forwards (specifically Curtis Kelly, Jamar Samuels and Jordan Henriquez-Roberts) really contained those guys and limited their production. While the point totals of K-State's bigs might not have been super high, their contributions were huge.

82.8
-Free throw percentage

As head coach Frank Martin explained at Monday's post-game press conference, making free throws is much more significant than just taking advantage of easy points. Forcing the opposing team to inbound the ball rather than just grab it and go gives the Wildcats' defense a chance to establish itself and stop the opponent from fast breaking as effectively.

1
-Lead change

It has been well-documented that the Wildcats have sometimes struggled to finish games this season. In many instances, K-State had the lead but did not protect it. In this game, the Wildcats never let down either energy and hustle. When KU made little runs, K-State answered.

16
-Assists for K-State

The Wildcats did not settle for outside shots. They didn't settle for bad shots. To find good shots, it takes a few passes. When you pass the ball enough to get the defenders out of position, you end up with an open shot. Basically, they ran their offense and stayed patient. Obviously, that's something they want to continue to do.

42
-Points for Wildcats in both the first and second halves

A perfect distribution of scoring between the halves, this consistency is a big reason the Wildcats won the game. They sustained that energy and intensity across 40 minutes, which is really quite impressive. The ability of everyone to stay disciplined for that expanse of time shows some maturity on the part of these guys.

4
-Fast break points for K-State

Before the Wildcats played in Lawrence, I asked junior forward Jamar Samuels if he thought the team could run with the Jayhawks or if the Wildcats would try to slow down the game to take them out of their element. He said (and I figured that might be a question he couldn't answer for me, since it sort of dealt with strategy) he thought K-State could run with KU. For the game in Manhattan, the Wildcats slowed the game some, working the shot clock. It worked well.

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